



I'm a mascot. I'm going to live here this year and if they feed me well, I'll stay. I've lived all over and have lots of interesting things to say. I'll start next issue. See you then.

Spoke



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The voice of Conestoga's students

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Dial a bus to die

New bus route for 1980

by Jill Fitzpatrick



Zone B dial a ride will soon be replaced with a regular bus route. Could we ask for a new bus too?

Conestoga College could be put on a fixed bus route in the fall of 1980. This was one of the alternatives to the present Dial-A-Ride service that was discussed at the latest Kitchener Transit meeting.

For years, students have been complaining about the poor bus service from the Fairview Mall to the college. Besides overcrowding, was the problem of lateness because the bus carried many students in the morning, as well as providing service to residents of the surrounding area and the factories on the way to the college.

Transit official, Ross Stoner, said three alternatives to the present service were discussed at the meeting.

For this year, the committee is recommending to city council that the bus run on a forty minute schedule instead of a thirty minute schedule. This would solve the lateness problem but will probably increase overcrowding.

Next year, the transit committee would work money into its budget to provide a fixed route running from Fairview Mall to the college.

Dial a ride patrons must phone the bus to come to the college under the present system. "We have made our recommendation to city council," said Stoner. "What happens now is purely a political decision."

College president Ken Hunter attended the meeting as a representative of the students. He said he feels the students are adults and citizens and they deserve better bus service.

"While they are here, the students bring millions of dollars worth of business to the city," he said. Also, "the college contributes to the tax revenues of Kitchener and we deserve to be put on a regular bus run."

When the provincial government first planned Conestoga College, the site was approved when the city agreed to provide adequate bus service for the college community.

Kitchener Mayor Morley Rosenburg said at the meeting that he was willing to discuss sharing the cost of a fixed bus route with the college.

A plan will probably be hammered out when Kitchener city residents begin to use our Sports Complex which is scheduled to open this winter.

The present Dial-a-ride service ends at 11 p.m. but the Sports Complex will be open until one in the morning.

Enrollment increases

by Jill Fitzpatrick

In order to accommodate approximately 200 more first year students this year, Conestoga College is expanding.

Applications for first year enrolment were up 12 per cent this year over last year. This means that three students were applying for every opening.

As of August 1, 1,360 first year students had been enrolled.

President of the college, Ken Hunter, said he has opened some programs to allow extra students to attend.

Betty Schiedel, of the registrar's office, said there was a large increase in the applications for business and technology programs at the college for this year. More teachers are being hired, making it possible for 118 more students to be registered in these programs.

Meanwhile, the college has requested five million dollars from the provincial

An addition is being built on the end of the technology wing to house a new program the college is offering in metal machinery.

Hunter said there are 800 immediate job openings in this field, and experts pre-

dict 1,200 more jobs for these graduates to open in the next three years.

The Guelph, Waterloo and Stratford campuses already have this program. With construction at Doon campus scheduled for com-

pletion in early December, the program could begin taking new students in January.

The college has room for future expansion, Hunter said, because of the amount of land it owns in the area.

Sports Complex on target to open in December

by Mark King

Students and staff at Conestoga College this year will witness the opening of a 4.7 million dollar dream.

Seven years ago, it was decided that an empty field next to the Doon Campus at the college would be used for a Sports Complex.

Six years later, in the fall of 1978, College President Ken Hunter turned the first sod in the ground breaking ceremony for the complex.

Originally scheduled for completion one year later, a nine week carpenter's strike in the early winter of 1978 has delayed completion time for the complex to sometime in December of 1979.

Project supervisor on the construction site, Jim Robertson feels that date can

be bettered but nothing can be predicted accurately.

Robertson has worked on several large sites including Loyalist College in Belleville.

When the complex does open in December, it won't be entirely finished. Work will continue throughout the winter months while some portions are used daily by students.

When it is finished, it will be more than just a gymnasium and ice rink.

It has been designed as a practical learning lab for some courses at the college. It will have wiring and structural features exposed so students can study them and test the building for such things as wind stress.

There are also facilities being built in for coverage of all events by a radio and television crew from the college.

The ice rink itself is being built to international standards, one of three such rinks in Canada.

The ASA office is planning to move into the building in the fall, before the rest of it is open to the public.

Conestoga will be sharing the complex with the residents of Kitchener.

In the winter of 1979, Hunter received approval in principle from the Kitchener city council for their use of the facilities.

Although the details will be worked out later on the amount of rent the city will pay for using the complex for city sponsored events, the approval allowed the college to approach the provincial government for additional grants for the complex.

Spoke will keep you informed of the progress at the complex throughout the year.

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government to help build facilities for an additional 400 students.

Although the money won't be available this year, Hunter said, some construction has been undertaken already.

A new parking lot has been built that has space for 180 cars.

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Editorial stuff

Welcome to Spoke!

Spoke is published by the DSA at Conestoga College for three purposes, to inform, to entertain and to provide a vehicle for students to reach other students.

Conestoga is diverse, and one of Spoke's tasks is to help bring students together by keeping them informed.

All work and no play as the saying goes, makes us dull people though, so we attempt to entertain too. On occasion we may even try for all play and no work. It is decidedly easier that way.

Spoke is funded in part, a great part, by the DSA; by the students who make up and contribute to the DSA; by you. Through your student activity fee we are able to bring this paper to you. It is yours. Please use it.

If you are an aspiring photographer, we need your pictures. If you are an aspiring writer, we need your stories. If you are a poet, we'll know it, and we'll print it. If you design something your teacher says will never work, he's probably right. But if you believe in it, we'll write about it. In short, whatever you do at the college, Spoke is here to tell us all.

If you want to complain or congratulate, write us a letter and it will be printed, unedited except for libel, in its entirety, for the whole college to laugh at. We'll even leave your name off if you want to laugh too. There's only one thing better than being a jerk, being an anonymous jerk! We know, we've done it.

On a more personal note, we the Spoke staff left over from last year, and a few new faces already hard at work on Spoke, welcome you to Conestoga.

We encourage you to get involved. The DSA spends your money so you may as well enjoy it.

If participation means nothing more to you than coming out to pubs and getting cranked, so be it, we'll see you there.

If it means more to you, there is more than enough room. All facets of the DSA need folks like you, well maybe not exactly like you, to keep the operations going all year.

Want to do something? Come to DSA meetings, or, if you are shy, sneak into the DSA office and see Dana or come down and speak to us.

We suggest you try us first though because we have more fun, and drink more beer.

We'll be on hand with a list of the best hotels, the names of the best dealers, and other important items every student should have, during the last week of August when you trek to the college to pick up that other junk you need to go to school, like books and timetables.

Stop by and say hello, shake a few hands, smile broadly and ask what we can rook you into doing for us.

Welcome!

We need bodies! You got'em, we tak'em! No experience necessary, no application to fill out! Walk, crawl or slither into the Spoke office and you're hired!



Your Spoke editors. Mark King, Allison Paul, Mickey Leblanc. Two of us are confused.

and more editorial stuff

Wanted: person with good wrists, a strong grip and excellent elbow movement. Should be able to withstand long periods of working with warm instruments. Experienced preferred but willing to train.

A newspaper writer struggles through a long and boring interview wondering where the heck the story is. The interviewee drabbles on and on speaking words that are written down but seem to make little sense. The writer drags his feet to his typewriter wondering how he is going to please his editor who thought there was an exciting story there.

Half an hour staring at the blank page drums up nothing but empty thoughts. But all of a sudden a very faint spark lights somewhere in the back of his mind, a lead is born.

Quickly, before it is forgotten our hero bangs out the unforgettable prose that will, he is sure, ignite a fuse in his editor's paper heart.

Now the words come quickly and with amazing simplicity. The story comes alive on the page, the words are motion on paper, nothing can stop this writer from creating the words that will make the world stop and look twice.

Oh what a masterpiece, a few typing mistakes quickly corrected with a pen and it's finished, the Great Canadian Navel (uh uh Novel).

Quickly the writer runs to his editors desk and plants the creation in front of him and yells, "Read and learn!" Excitement and pride burns all over the writer's face. He stands tall and defiant daring the man with round glasses and worn face to scorn him.

The editor looks calmly at him, looks at the manuscript, looks at him again, then the manuscript, then him again, then again the manuscript. Then suddenly the editor's eyes dart towards the trash container, then to the writer. The writer's confident air all but sinks into the middle of hell.

The editor resumes his work, picks up the Great Canadian Navel (uh uh Novel) and tosses it in the trash.

"Past deadline," he says, "tough shit".

A writer's job is often aggravating and has driven many to the famous and often forgotten over the years, Nick's Tavern. (We will collect for the free plug later). There, all the agonies are forgotten at the bottom of a draft pitcher.

Advertising for people who are willing to sacrifice their physical health to create a great

college newspaper (and see your name in print...perhaps), asking a person to spend hours working on something that people eventually throw in the trash is like asking the Ontario government for more money to expand college facilities, or assassinating the godfather of Toronto's Mafia.

What Spoke really needs is a waxer. It is a much safer job. If you assassinate the godfather you get your legs and arms broken, if you ask the Ontario government for more money they close down the college and revoke all student grants and you starve.

But as "OFFICIAL SPOKE WAXER" you have a secure future that will guarantee you your own, your very own, wax machine. That's right, your very own. How about that! (in small, very small print, "as long as it does not leave the Spoke office.")

Here's what you get. Get a pen and paper ready and write this down. You do not want to miss the chance of a lifetime.

First you get your desk. Yes, that's right you read it in Spoke, we would not fool you, your own desk. Cuddled in a warm comfortable corner with lights all around. A plush crushed velvet chair with three inch cushions is standard.

Most important of all the "OFFICIAL SPOKE WAXER" equipment is the waxer. Only the finest of waxers is supplied. About a foot long the waxer is electric and black. It holds enough wax for 20 inches of editorial copy and ten pornographic pictures. (Caution: waxer will bust if too much wrist motion applied)

The entire job involves approximately ten minutes. Afterwards the successful applicant may move onto bigger and better things at the editor's desk.

If you do not feel that you fulfill the requirements of "OFFICIAL SPOKE WAXER" the Spoke editors may consider you of sufficient mental prowess to take up the position of "OFFICIAL SPOKE REPORTER". But you had better hurry the jobs are going fast.

Actually, if you can type, spell, talk to people, take photographs, print photographs, pose for photographs, have an eye for newspaper layout, Spoke needs you, (probably does not want you, but needs you) to help put out the first weekly edition of Conestoga's newspaper, Spoke.

Doon Student Association News

What's a DSA?

The Doon Student Association is your student council.

It is made up of students, with a secretary hired from outside the college.

It is your representative and can only function with input from you.

Each course at the college has a representative sitting on the board of directors and they must report to their respective classmates the news that evolves from the meetings held every two weeks.

As well, Spoke will report the stories behind the stories at each meeting.

Below is a chart showing you who is what in this year's DSA. If you have a beef or suggestion, go and see these people.

The DSA office is at the top of the main stairs leading to the cafeteria, the Spoke office is at the bottom of those same stairs.

In the early part of the year, Don Breen's office will be located in the back of the Spoke office until he takes up permanent residence with the ASA in the Sports Complex.

The ASA office is beside the lounge for the time being.

Are You 19

How are you going to prove it?
With an Ontario Age of Majority card, that's how!

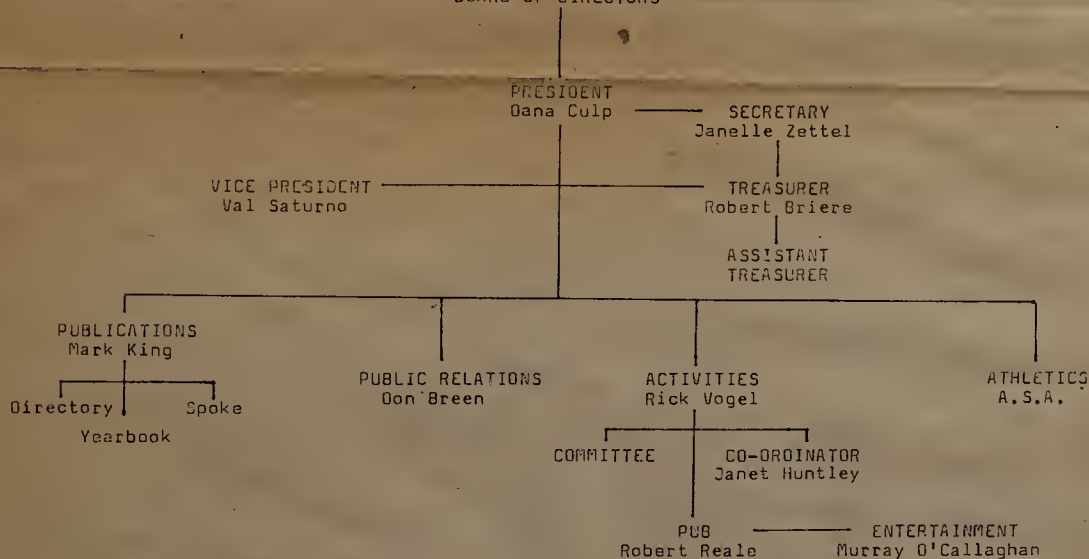
The AM card is the only accepted proof to get you into licensed events at Conestoga College this year.

The Doon Student Association will have a booth set up on campus where you can get yours on September 4th and 5th.

Bring all your old useless ID with you and get the real thing.

You must have one!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Calendar Conestoga

Tuesday September 4th
OSA
Age of Majority applications
OSA jackets on sale
Canadian Club treasure hunt
Hot Off the Press perform
ASA
Entries open for intramural co-ed softball, mens softball, mens touch football
Varsity soccer practise

Wednesday September 5th
OSA
Snooker tournament
Age of Majority applications
OSA jackets on sale
Canadian Club treasure hunt
Bop shoo bop revus perform
ASA
Varsity soccer practise

Thursday September 6th
OSA
Across the pond tug of war
Helix performs at the pub
Arm wrestling contest at the pub
ASA
Co ed golf tournament
Varsity soccer practise

Friday September 7th
OSA
Tennis tourney

Monday September 10th
ASA
Intramurals begin

Tuesday September 11th
OSA
Meeting at 3 30

Sports

What's an ASA?

by Allison Paul

If you are interested in sports and want to get involved in Conestoga's athletic activities you will probably want to know about the ASA, who organize and run these programs.

The ASA, Athletics and Student Activities, is there to provide recreational, instructional and league type activities.

They are also advisors to the student government. They help plan their budget and are a liaison between the board of directors and the student government. They help iron out the red tape if the DSA wants to buy something or do something.

There are several people involved in running the ASA. Dan Young is director and Sue McLellan is the co-ordinator for all campuses of Conestoga College.

Karen Rahn is their technician. She is in charge of publicity and the equipment. She has to look after the upkeep, inventory and handling of all equipment.

This year there is a new officer, Chuck Mathies. He is to help McLellan run the intermural programs as well as running the fitness testing and evaluation in the new sports complex.

Vanda Dorsch is the secretary who is always around when no body else is.

All the staff of the ASA are paid by the college and no money from the student activity fee is used for it. All activity fee money is given to the DSA. If they give any of it to the ASA it is used for the sports programs.

Activities chairman needs you

by Allison Paul

This year same as every year we have an activities committee who run all activities on campus which are non-alcoholic and all activities off campus which are alcoholic.

Rick Vogel is the activities chairman who organizes everything and makes sure they run smoothly.

Janet Huntley is his assistant who does all the jobs he does not want to do.

Most important is the committee who work for Rick and actually run the activities.

Rick said that so far he has about 20 people and is still looking for more.

Rick will be working closely with Murray O'Callaghan, entertainment co-ordinator and Rob Reale, pub manager, because he wants to have activities at the pubs in between the sets and will need their co-operation.

Some of the activities Rick has already planned are: a pub at the Concordia Club during Oktoberfest, a Halloween pub and of course orientation week which is full of activities.

from the ASA for you

by Allison Paul

Being a new student at Conestoga College you may be wondering what our college has to offer in the way of athletic activities.

As many of you probably know, or will soon learn, our sports complex will be ready for use in the fall. This means that the ASA will be enlarging athletic programs and offering new ones.

Some of the new ones include men's volleyball and women's basketball instead of just co-ed. Of course there will still be co-ed.

There will also be men's and co-ed floor hockey, a regular broomball league, no-body-contact hockey and badminton.

Also, with the complex built it means that students will have five days of gym time and ice time will be available every day of the week.

Students will be allowed to go and practice on their lunch time and breaks.

Sue McLellan, co-ordinator of the ASA, said that this extra time will help the students to improve their ability.

Most games will be played between 3:30 and 7:30. This will make things easier for students since they will not have to leave the campus after classes and the activities will not run late in the evening.

With all these new programs the ASA will be needing lots of help from the students. They will need referees and people to help set up the leagues.

McLellan said that some will be paid and some will not, depending on the job. If someone is refereeing something and he only works 10 minutes he will not be paid but if someone is out on the ice working for an hour, he will be paid.

Another program that the ASA offers is vouchers.

This year there will not be as much of a discount but any discount the ASA gets by buying the vouchers in bulk will be passed on to the students.

They offer vouchers for skiing, golfing at Rockway and Doon Valley golf clubs, the driving range and mini-golf at Eat N'Putt, horseback riding, bowling at the Waterloo bowling league and swimming at the city parks' pool.

There will be no more vouchers for squash since there are to be two squash courts in the sports complex.

Letters Home

My dearest parents,

Well, I know this news will come as tremendous shock to you dear mother and father as I know you never expected I would amount to very much, but after three years of rambling around the country, I have decided to return to an institution of higher learning, to learn to fend for myself in a professional manner.

I have actually given this plan many hours of thought during the last few months and quite unknown to you, I have applied at several colleges and universities to enter many different courses.

Being accepted at several, I have finally made my decision.

It was a choice really, between a well known university to study medicine or law, several colleges for studies ranging from photography to business and twenty-five courses offered on matchbook covers.

I had finally decided on an advanced drawbridge oiling correspondence course offered on a matchbook from a respected school south of the border but shortly after I mailed my application I was passing by a college named Conestoga near Kitchener and decided to stop in and see what they had to offer in the way of educational excellence.

Although I was about five months late in making my application, they agreed to allow me entrance to the program of my choice.

I spent three days with the registration people pouring over their courses and just couldn't decide. There are so many careers I am interested in pursuing.

I think I exasperated the poor ladies and they finally suggested I take a full course of Liberal Studies for one year to decide what I really want to do.

Well dear parents, this suits me just fine. I will be taking a wide variety of subjects from economics to the relevance of Shakespeare to man in a technological world and one concerning the creative process. I am not entirely sure what all these subjects entail but I am positive that after one year of these I will be able to decide what I want to specialize in.

And, I will have an excellent base in many different subjects with which to view the world that surrounds me.

I am looking forward with eager anticipation to the commencement of studies in the fall.

There is only one minor problem to clear at the present moment. Education, although available to everyone, is not inexpensive. I know you have been patient with me in past years whenever I requested money, believe me I have kept records and fully plan to reimburse you, but I find I must make a simple request to you again.

In order to attend Conestoga College, I must have \$500.00 for tuition expenses by the first of August.

Knowing that I am now about to pursue an education, I feel you will loan me this small sum.

Also, I need about \$250.00 to buy some new clothes and rent accommodation where I can have a bath and perhaps get a haircut. I have picked up an awful rash from living on the ground near the college for these last few weeks and I desperately desire some soap and shampoo.

If you turn me down this time, I will have to return home as I am now, an uneducated and infested beggar.

With your help though, I could go on to the greatness you always wanted for me but never expected of me.

Please wire me the money immediately and I shall be forever in your debt.

Your hungry but worshipping son,
Herkemer Z Klinkbottle.

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